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(*b*) the expenditure incurred by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board from the date of its establishment till the end of 31st December 1926?

A.—(*a*) No. His Excellency the Viceroy has given his assent to the Bill.
(*b*) Rs. 2,61,301-3-0.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know if the lists of excepted and ordinary temples have been prepared under the Act? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" For what district? "

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" For all the districts."

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is rather a big question, Sir, and I am not in a position to give precise information for all the districts. If the hon. Member repeats his question or asks information for any particular district, I can give the information."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether any information has been received with regard to the Nellore district? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I shall let the hon. Member know in due course."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know—I am afraid the hon. Minister may want notice—out of this sum of Rs. 2,61,301 and odd spent by this Board up to December 1926, how much represents the collections made by the Board and how much represents the loans advanced by this Government to the Religious Endowments Board? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The collections I do not think, Sir, represent any appreciable portion of this figure given. But I want notice if more detailed information is required."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" That is quite enough for my purpose."

Education

Grant to Indian boarding houses.

* 208 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the debates in the budget for 1926-27 on pages 461—464 of proceedings, dated 22nd March 1926, and the answer to my question No. 2224, dated 16th July 1926, and to state—

(*a*) to which institutions and how the grant of Rs. 30,000 for Indian boarding houses has been distributed; and

(*b*) whether Government have decided to propose an increase in the grant for Indian boarding houses in the budget for 1927-28 and, if so, by what amount as compared with the grant to European boarding houses?

A.—(*a*) The grant has not yet been distributed.
(*b*) The question of making an increased provision in the budget for next year is under consideration.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to clause (*a*), may I know why the grant has not yet been distributed? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Applications have to be received by the D.P.I. No applications have been received by him ? "

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" What is meant by D.P.I., Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Director of Public Instruction. I thought the hon. Member was long enough in this House to know all this phraseology."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It was never used in this House before, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"With regard to (*b*), may I know on what basis is the calculation made for the grant to the Indian boarding houses ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The calculation is at the rate of Rs. 10 per pupil."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it Rs. 10 a year ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" How many poor boys are allowed this grant all over the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member will see that even for this sum of Rs. 30,000 provided in the budget there are no applicants."

Local Boards and Municipalities

Grants to local bodies.

* 209 *Q.*—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(*a*) to state the principles on which the Government make distribution of grants to local bodies for various purposes, including village roads ; and

(*b*) to furnish a statement showing the distribution of such grants for the purpose districtwar during each of the last three years ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An answer to the hon. Member's question cannot be given in reasonable space, or without disproportionate expenditure of time and labour. If the hon. Member will ask for specific information in regard to any particular grant in respect of any particular district or districts, it will be furnished.

Elected Chairman for Palacole municipality.

* 210 *Q.*—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether, in pursuance of the unanimous resolution of the Palacole municipality, No. 355, dated 21st December 1925, the Government intend to confer on the municipality the right of electing its chairman when the vacancy next occurs in March 1927 ?

A.—The question will be fully considered when the time comes to decide it.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" If I understand the answer aright, it seems to have been given in January. May I know if the time has now come for consideration of this matter ? "